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(b) the districts visited by him;

(c) the nature and extent of the official work done by him during those tours;

(d) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours;

(e) whether he paid from his pocket for the expenses of any of these tours; and

(f) if not, why not?

*A.*—(a) Five.

(b) Tanjore, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Cuddapah, Kurnool and Bellary.

(c) (1) Visits to educational, Local Self-Government and Panchayat institutions, and

(2) Deputations of public bodies and institutions with a view to come into touch with local conditions and grievances.

(d) No, and there was no occasion for it.

(e) & (f) Yes, for the visits to Bombay and Tiruchengode.

## Excise

*Proceedings of the Excise Advisory Committees.*

*297 *Q.*—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how often the Excise Advisory Committees meet and how many members attend those meetings on an average;

(b) whether any records are maintained about the proceedings of such committee meetings;

(c) what is the rate of travelling allowance allowed to those members;

(d) whether the rate of travelling allowance paid to these members is in excess of or equal to, or less than, that of a taluk board member; and

(e) what is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to the non-official members of the Excise Advisory Committee in each of the four Ceded districts?

*A.*—(a) As regards the first part of the question, the hon. Member's attention is invited to rule 13 of the rules published with notification No. 10, dated 25th August 1927, at pages 1261—1263 of part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th September 1927. The Government have no information as to the average number of members who attend the meetings.

(b) The proceedings of the committees are maintained in the Collector's offices.

(c) For journeys by rail—one second-class and one third-class fare. Mileage six annas for journeys by road. Daily allowance—Rs. 4–8–0 per day.